

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follow:

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1-26. (Cancelled without prejudice).

27. (Currently Amended) An expandable connection between two slotted tubulars, the connection formed by co-joining ~~the ends of the~~ tubulars to form a connection region having [[ a ]] non-overlapping slots, wherein the connection region includes ends of the tubulars forming the connection.

28. (Currently Amended) The connection of claim 27, further including a connector portion for receiving the tubular ends to provide two connection regions, one at each end of the connector having non-overlapping slots ~~therearound~~ circumferentially disposed.

29. (Currently Amended) An expandable connection for wellbore tubulars comprising:

4. a first tubular having a first connection member on a first end thereof;  
a second tubular having a second connection member on a second end thereof, the first and second connection members being inter-engagable; and  
a substantially cylindrical member disposed adjacent the inter-engaged first and second connection members, wherein the substantially cylindrical member and the first and second connection members form a connection region having non-overlapping slots.

30. (Currently Amended) An expandable connection for expandable tubulars comprising:

an expandable tubular having a first end and a second end, the first end having a first connection member;  
a second connection member, the first and second connection members being

inter-engageable along a first substantially cylindrical surface; and  
~~a second tubular member~~ wherein the second end is disposed adjacent a  
portion of the inter-engaged first and second connection members along a second  
substantially cylindrical surface.

31. (Previously Presented) The expandable connection of claim 30, wherein at  
least one of the cylindrical surfaces is a threaded surface.

32. (Currently Amended) The expandable connection of claim 30, wherein the  
second ~~tubular member~~ end is disposed outwardly of the connection members.

33. (Currently Amended) The expandable connection of claim 30, wherein the  
second ~~tubular~~ end is disposed inwardly of the connection members.

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(cont)  
(Please add the following claim:)

34. (New) An expandable connection for expandable tubulars comprising:  
a first expandable tubular having a first connection member;  
a second expandable tubular having a second connection member, wherein the  
first and second connection members are inter-engageable along a first substantially  
cylindrical surface; and  
a third connection member disposed adjacent a portion of the inter-engaged  
first and second connection members along a second substantially cylindrical surface.

35. (New) The expandable connection of claim 34, wherein at least one of the  
cylindrical surfaces is a threaded surface.

36. (New) The expandable connection of claim 34, wherein the second connection  
member is disposed between the first and third connection members.

37. (New) The expandable connection of claim 36, wherein the third connection member is connected to the first tubular.

38. (New) The expandable connection of claim 34, wherein the third connection member is connected to the first tubular.

39. (New) The expandable connection of claim 34, wherein the first and second expandable tubulars comprise expandable slotted tubulars.

40. (New) The expandable connection of claim 39, wherein each slot comprises an overlapping portion and a non-overlapping portion.

41. (New) The expandable connection of claim 40, wherein the expandable connection is formed between non-overlapping portions.

42. (New) An expandable connection for expandable tubulars comprising:  
a first expandable tubular having a first connection member;  
a second expandable tubular having a second connection member, wherein a connection region is formed by engaging the first and second connection members;  
and  
a cylindrical member encircling at least a portion of the connection region.

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